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TAX BILLS ARE IN THE MAIL *San Diego County residents mailed over 800,000 bills*

Bart Hartman, Treasurer-Tax Collector, stated today that the mailing of the annual Property Tax Bills for this year began on September 20, 2000 and was completed on October 13, 2000. Over 860,000 bills and statements were mailed for properties in San Diego County. These bills represent the largest single source of revenue to local governments, including schools, cities, fire districts, and the County.

Since September 20, almost 15,000 bills have been returned by the Post Office as undeliverable. Hartman reminds taxpayers that, according to state law, the failure to receive a tax bill is not sufficient reason to forgive penalties. "I want to insure that everyone receives their bills timely so that they can plan this expense and avoid any costly penalties" said Hartman. "Anyone who has not received their property tax bill for 2000-2001 should call our office at (619) 236-2424 to obtain a copy" added Hartman.

Taxpayers are also reminded that they can conduct business with the Treasurer-Tax Collector at any of their three branch offices located at 334 Via Vera Cruz, #150, behind "Restaurant Row" in San Marcos, 198 West Main Street in El Cajon, and 344 F Street, Suite 200 in Chula Vista.

Additional information may be obtained from the Treasurer-Tax Collector's main office located in the County Administration Center at 1600 Pacific Highway in downtown San Diego, or by calling (619) 531-5225.

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